

Prayer Requests

People To Remember

Jim Dalzell	Bruce Holloway	Kevin Stanley
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Frances Hopper	Layfield Rous	



Upcoming Events

Check Your Calendar

JAN 23 Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am)

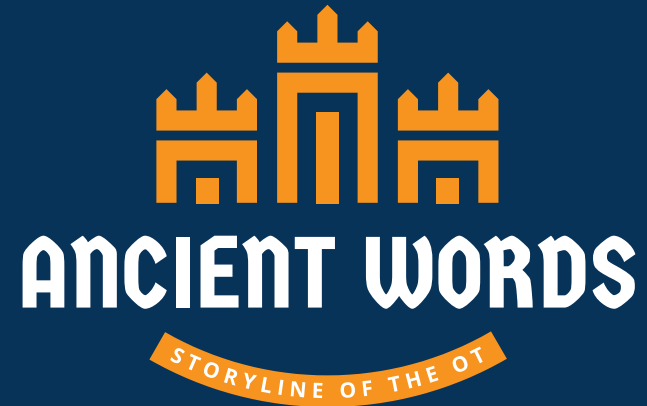
JAN 23 Financial Peace Class (6:30-8:30 pm)

JAN 24 Potato Bar & Bible Study (5:45; 6:30 pm)

JAN 28 Wedding Shower Katelyn & Carter (3 pm)



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ABRAHAM (3)

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-6

"Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then He said, 'Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.' So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together." (Genesis 22:1-6, NKJV)

Digging Deeper For Further Study

The sections below contain "starting points" for biblical and historical discussions that cannot be discussed at length in the sermon. Technical terms are used to help look for specific information.

THE GRACE OF GOD

Covenant (what 5 covenants are highlighted in the Bible)

THE PLAN OF GOD

Land Promise (does the land promise still have significance today)

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Isaac, a type of Christ (make note of similarities and differences between the offering of Isaac and Jesus)



ABRAHAM

The Beginning of Blessings

How do we respond to abundance & blessing?

Indulgence - Entitlement - Stock pile - Share

"Give me neither poverty nor riches" (Proverbs 30:7-9)

THE GRACE OF GOD

- God did not begin by punishing Adam and Eve but by cursing the serpent and promising hope (Gen. 3:14-15).
- God chose to deal with a depraved world by giving it another chance and starting over (Gen. 6:5-8).
- God chose to confuse those who believed life on earth was about human independence and self-sufficiency (Gen. 11:1-9).

THE PLAN OF GOD

- *A distinct land:* God called Abraham to enter and dwell in a fertile land so his family could bless other nations (Gen. 12:1; 13:15; 15:14).
- *A distinct family:* God focuses on one specific family to be a kingdom of priests and serve on His behalf (Gen. 12:2; 14:18-24; Ex. 19:6).
- *A special blessing:* Abraham's offspring will bring blessings to every human, especially his chosen "Seed" (Gen. 12:3; 22:18; Gal. 3:16).

THE PROMISES OF GOD

- *Blessing & God's family:* The brokenness of humanity, the earth, and the nations is addressed in God's promises to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-6). The apostle Paul called this "the gospel" (Gal. 3:8).
- *Covenant & God's oath:* God's promises to Abraham serve as the starting point for His mission to save rebellious humanity (Gen. 15:6). God will always uphold His end of the covenant (Ex. 2:24; 32:13).
- *Abraham & God's promise:* The father of faith wasn't always faithful but God still chose to bless the world through one man (Gen. 16:1-2; 22:1-18). Abraham looked to Jesus' day and was glad (Heb. 11:13-19).